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WASHINGTON NOTES THAT POST IS PRESENTLY FOUR MONTHS OVERDUE ON ITS TRANSMITTAL OF THE 1975 ANNUAL ECONOMIC TRENDS REPORT WHICH WAS TO HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED ON APRIL 5.

COMMERCE'S SALES AND DISTRIBUTION OFFICE INFORMS US THAT '74 ISSUE OF ZAMBIAN TRENDS IS OUT OF PRINT AND HENCE UNAVAILABLE TO INQUIRERS. SINCE FET IS ANNUAL REQUIREMENT PRINT RUNS ARE NOT REPEATED. TEMPORARY EXPEDIENT OF XEROXING OF OLD ISSUE NOT SATISFACTORY AS INFORMATION OUTDATED AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS FOR THE U.S. HAVE ALTERED DRAMATICALLY IN WAKE OF YEAR OLD FALL IN COPPER PRICES.

ZAMBIAN TRENDS PLAYS KEY ROLE IN PROVIDING UP TO DATE INFORMATION ON A MARKET IN WHICH U.S. INVESTMENT AND TRADE ARE NOT INSUBSTANTIAL AND IN WHICH ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF INFORMATION ARE NOT READILY AVAILABLE TO BUSINESSMEN. POST STRONGLY URGED PREPARE UP DATE SOONEST AND ADVISE DEPT. BY CABLE OF APPROXIMATE DATE OF SUBMISSION. KISSINGER

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